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1. IT APPEARS MORE BAD NEWS MAY BE IN THE OFFING RE TARBELA. IN A TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH MORGAN THOMPSON, HEAD OF TAMS, HE JUST TOLD ME THAT THEY HAVE ENCOUNTERED UNEXPECTED PROBLEMS RE TUNNEL NUMBER 2, AND HAVE NOT DECIDED AS YET HOW BEST TO TACKLE THE PROBLEM.

2. THOMPSON SAID WHEN THEY CLOSED OFF TUNNEL NUMBER 2 TO DRAIN IT AND FINISH SOME MINOR REPAIR THEY WERE UNABLE TO DRAIN THE TUNNEL. IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THE TUNNEL IS LEAKING AT A FASTER RATE THAN PUMPS CAN HANDLE. THEY DO NOT KNOW JUST WHERE THE LEAK IS, NOR WHY AT THIS STAGE. WHILE HE STRESSED THAT IT WAS PREMATURE TO SPECULATE AT THIS STAGE, HE SAID THERE MIGHT BE A POSSIBILITY THAT THE TUNNEL WOULD HAVE TO BE ABANDONED. THIS WOULD NOT AFFECT IRRIGATION AS NUMBER 2 WAS A POWER TUNNEL. IF TUNNEL NUMBER 2 IS ABANDONED, HOWEVER, IT WOULD NECESSITATE CONSIDERING WHETHER IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO PLACE SIX TURBINS EACH ON TUNNELS ONE AND THREE, INSTEAD OF THE

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FOUR THAT HAD BEEN PLANNED, TO OBTAIN THE DESIGNED POWER

OUTPUT.

3. WE HAD ALREADY PLANNED FOR AMSTUTZ TO TAKE SECRETARY
DUBS FOR A VISIT TO TARBELA ON SUNDAY. WE WILL BE
REPORTING MORE FULLY AFTER THAT VISIT.

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